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No. 1577

Introduced by Assembly Member Eggman
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(Coauthors: Senators *Berryhill, Cannella, Galgiani, and Wieckowski*)

January 4, 2016

An act to amend Sections 17053.88 and 23688 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and to amend Section 18995 of, and to amend the heading of Chapter 14.5 (commencing with Section 18995) of Part 6 of Division 9 of, the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to food banks.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1577, as amended, Eggman. Income taxes: credits: food bank donations.

(1) The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law allow various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws, including, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2012, and before January 1, 2017, a credit for qualified taxpayers, defined as the person responsible for planting a crop, managing the crop, and harvesting the crop from the land, in an amount equal to 10% of the cost that would otherwise be included in, or required to be included in, inventory costs,

as specified under federal law, with respect to the donation of fresh fruits or fresh vegetables to a food bank located in California.

This bill, under both laws, would expand the credit to apply to the donation of qualified donation items, defined as raw agricultural products or processed foods. The bill would expand the definition of qualified taxpayer to also include the person responsible for growing or raising a qualified donation item, or harvesting, packing, or processing a qualified donation item. The bill would modify the credit amount to instead equal 15% of the qualified value, as defined, of the qualified donation items, but not less than an amount that would otherwise be calculated and allowed under existing law. The bill would extend the operation of the credit to taxable years before January 1, 2022, and would require it to be claimed on a timely filed return. The bill would make various conforming changes and would also make a nonsubstantive change to the personal income tax provision.

(2) Existing law requires the State Department of Social Services to establish and administer the State Emergency Food Assistance Program (SEFAP), to provide food and funding for the provision of emergency food to food banks, as provided. Existing law creates the State Emergency Food Assistance Program Account and would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, would allocate the moneys in the account to SEFAP and require that those moneys be used for the purchase, storage, and transportation of food grown or produced in California and for the department's administrative costs.

This bill would rename the State Emergency Food Assistance Program (SEFAP) as the CalFood Program and would rename the State Emergency Food Assistance Program Account as the CalFood Account. The bill would make other conforming changes in this regard.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 17053.88 of the Revenue and Taxation
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 17053.88. (a) In the case of a qualified taxpayer that donates
- 4 to a food bank any qualified donation items that are accepted by
- 5 that food bank located in California under Chapter 5 (commencing
- 6 with Section 58501) of Part 1 of Division 21 of the Food and
- 7 Agricultural Code, for taxable years beginning on or after January

1 1, 2012, and before January 1, 2022, there shall be allowed, without
2 regard to the taxpayer's method of accounting, as a credit against
3 the "net tax" (as defined by Section 17039), an amount equal to
4 15 percent of the qualified value of the qualified donation items,
5 but in no event shall this amount be less than the amount that
6 otherwise would have been calculated and allowed under this
7 section as added by Chapter 503 of the Statutes of 2011.

8 (b) For *the* purposes of this section, the following definitions
9 shall apply:

10 (1) "Qualified donation item" means fresh fruits or fresh
11 vegetables and the following raw agricultural products or processed
12 foods:

13 (A) All of the following:

14 (i) "Fruits, nuts, or vegetables" as defined in Section 42510 of
15 the Food and Agricultural Code.

16 (ii) "Meat food product" as defined in Section 18665 of the
17 Food and Agricultural Code.

18 (iii) "Poultry" as defined in Section 18675 of the Food and
19 Agricultural Code.

20 (iv) "Eggs" as defined in Section 75027 of the Food and
21 Agricultural Code.

22 (v) "Fish" as defined in Section 58609 of the Food and
23 Agricultural Code.

24 (B) All of the following food as defined in Section 109935 of
25 the Health and Safety Code:

26 (i) Rice.

27 (ii) Beans.

28 (iii) Fruit, nuts, and vegetables in canned, frozen, dried,
29 dehydrated, and 100-percent juice forms.

30 (iv) Any cheese, milk, yogurt, butter, or dehydrated milk
31 meeting the requirements in Division 15 (commencing with Section
32 32501) of the Food and Agricultural Code.

33 (v) Infant formula subject to Section 114094.5 of the Health
34 and Safety Code.

35 (vi) Vegetable oil and olive oil.

36 (vii) Soup, pasta sauce, and salsa.

37 (viii) Bread and pasta.

38 (ix) Canned meats and canned seafood.

39 (2) "Qualified taxpayer" means the person responsible for
40 planting a crop, managing the crop, harvesting the crop from land,

1 growing or raising a qualified donation item, or harvesting,
2 packing, or processing a qualified donation item.

3 (3) “Qualified value” means either of the following:

4 (A) The qualified value shall be calculated by using the weighted
5 average wholesale sale price based on the qualified taxpayer’s
6 total like grade wholesale sales of the donated item sold within
7 the calendar month of the qualified taxpayer’s donation.

8 (B) If no wholesale sales of the donated item have occurred in
9 the calendar month of the qualified taxpayer’s donation, the
10 qualified value shall be equal to the nearest regional wholesale
11 market price for the calendar month of the donation based upon
12 the same grade products as published by the United States
13 Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Marketing Service, or
14 its successor.

15 (c) If the credit allowed by this section is claimed by the
16 qualified taxpayer, any deduction otherwise allowed under this
17 part for that amount of the cost paid or incurred by the qualified
18 taxpayer that is eligible for the credit shall be reduced by the
19 amount of the credit provided in subdivision (a).

20 (d) The donor shall provide to the food bank the qualified value
21 of the donation items and information regarding the origin of where
22 the donation items were grown, processed, or both grown and
23 processed. Upon receipt and acceptance of the donation items, the
24 food bank shall provide a certificate to the donor. The certificate
25 shall contain a statement signed and dated by a person authorized
26 by the food bank that the donation items are accepted under
27 Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 58501) of Part 1 of Division
28 21 of the Food and Agricultural Code. The certificate shall also
29 contain the type, grade, and quantity of items donated, the name
30 of the donor or donors, the name and address of the food bank,
31 and, as provided by the donor, the origin of the donated items, and
32 the qualified value of the donated items, as described in subdivision
33 (a). Upon the request of the Franchise Tax Board, the qualified
34 taxpayer shall provide a copy of the certification to the Franchise
35 Tax Board.

36 (e) The credit allowed by this section may be claimed only on
37 a timely filed return.

38 (f) In the case where the credit allowed by this section exceeds
39 the “net tax,” the excess may be carried over to reduce the “net

1 tax” in the following year, and for the six succeeding years if
2 necessary, until the credit has been exhausted.

3 (g) Using the information available to the Franchise Tax Board
4 from the certificates required under subdivision (d) and subdivision
5 (d) of Section 23688, the Franchise Tax Board shall report to the
6 Legislature on or before December 1, 2014, and each December
7 1 thereafter until the inoperative date specified in paragraph (2)
8 of subdivision (h), regarding the utilization of the credit authorized
9 by this section and Section 23688. The Franchise Tax Board shall
10 also include in the report the estimated value of the qualified
11 donation items, the origin of the qualified donation items, and the
12 month the donation was made.

13 (h) (1) A report required to be submitted pursuant to subdivision
14 (g) shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the
15 Government Code.

16 (2) The requirement for submitting a report imposed under
17 subdivision (g) is inoperative on January 1, 2021, pursuant to
18 Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.

19 (i) This section shall be repealed on December 1, 2022.

20 SEC. 2. Section 23688 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is
21 amended to read:

22 23688. (a) In the case of a qualified taxpayer that donates to
23 a food bank any qualified donation items that are accepted by that
24 food bank located in California under Chapter 5 (commencing
25 with Section 58501) of Part 1 of Division 21 of the Food and
26 Agricultural Code, for taxable years beginning on or after January
27 1, 2012, and before January 1, 2022, there shall be allowed, without
28 regard to the taxpayer’s method of accounting, as a credit against
29 the “tax” (as defined by Section 23036), an amount equal to 15
30 percent of the qualified value of the qualified donation items, but
31 in no event shall this amount be less than the amount that otherwise
32 would have been calculated and allowed under this section as
33 added by Chapter 503 of the Statutes of 2011.

34 (b) For *the* purposes of this section, the following definitions
35 shall apply:

36 (1) “Qualified donation item” means fresh fruits or fresh
37 vegetables and the following raw agricultural products or processed
38 foods:

39 (A) All of the following:

- 1 (i) “Fruits, nuts, or vegetables” as defined in Section 42510 of
- 2 the Food and Agricultural Code.
- 3 (ii) “Meat food product” as defined in Section 18665 of the
- 4 Food and Agricultural Code.
- 5 (iii) “Poultry” as defined in Section 18675 of the Food and
- 6 Agricultural Code.
- 7 (iv) “Eggs” as defined in Section 75027 of the Food and
- 8 Agricultural Code.
- 9 (v) “Fish” as defined in Section 58609 of the Food and
- 10 Agricultural Code.
- 11 (B) All of the following food as defined in Section 109935 of
- 12 the Health and Safety Code:
- 13 (i) Rice.
- 14 (ii) Beans.
- 15 (iii) Fruit, nuts, and vegetables in canned, frozen, dried,
- 16 dehydrated, and 100-percent juice forms.
- 17 (iv) Any cheese, milk, yogurt, butter, or dehydrated milk
- 18 meeting the requirements in Division 15 (commencing with Section
- 19 32501) of the Food and Agricultural Code.
- 20 (v) Infant formula subject to Section 114094.5 of the Health
- 21 and Safety Code.
- 22 (vi) Vegetable oil and olive oil.
- 23 (vii) Soup, pasta sauce, and salsa.
- 24 (viii) Bread and pasta.
- 25 (ix) Canned meats and canned seafood.
- 26 (2) “Qualified taxpayer” means the person responsible for
- 27 planting a crop, managing the crop, harvesting the crop from land,
- 28 growing or raising a qualified donation item, or harvesting,
- 29 packing, or processing a qualified donation item.
- 30 (3) “Qualified value” means either of the following:
- 31 (A) The qualified value shall be calculated by using the weighted
- 32 average wholesale sale price based on the qualified taxpayer’s
- 33 total like grade wholesale sales of the donated item sold within
- 34 the calendar month of the qualified taxpayer’s donation.
- 35 (B) If no wholesale sales of the donated item have occurred in
- 36 the calendar month of the qualified taxpayer’s donation, the
- 37 qualified value shall be equal to the nearest regional wholesale
- 38 market price for the calendar month of the donation based upon
- 39 the same grade products as published by the United States

1 Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service, or
2 its successor.

3 (c) If the credit allowed by this section is claimed by the
4 qualified taxpayer, any deduction otherwise allowed under this
5 part for that amount of the cost paid or incurred by the qualified
6 taxpayer that is eligible for the credit shall be reduced by the
7 amount of the credit provided in subdivision (a).

8 (d) The donor shall provide to the food bank the qualified value
9 of the donation items and information regarding the origin of where
10 the donation items were grown, processed, or both grown and
11 processed. Upon receipt and acceptance of the donation items, the
12 food bank shall provide a certificate to the donor. The certificate
13 shall contain a statement signed and dated by a person authorized
14 by the food bank that the donation items are accepted under
15 Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 58501) of Part 1 of Division
16 21 of the Food and Agricultural Code. The certificate shall also
17 contain the type, grade, and quantity of items donated, the name
18 of the donor or donors, the name and address of the food bank,
19 and, as provided by the donor, the origin of the donated items, and
20 the qualified value of the donated items, as described in subdivision
21 (a). Upon the request of the Franchise Tax Board, the qualified
22 taxpayer shall provide a copy of the certification to the Franchise
23 Tax Board.

24 (e) The credit allowed by this section may be claimed only on
25 a timely filed return.

26 (f) In the case where the credit allowed by this section exceeds
27 the "tax," the excess may be carried over to reduce the "tax" in
28 the following year, and for the six succeeding years if necessary,
29 until the credit has been exhausted.

30 (g) This section shall be repealed on December 1, 2022.

31 SEC. 3. The heading of Chapter 14.5 (commencing with
32 Section 18995) of Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and
33 Institutions Code is amended to read:

34
35 CHAPTER 14.5. THE CALFOOD PROGRAM
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37 SEC. 4. Section 18995 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is
38 amended to read:

39 18995. (a) On and after January 1, 2017, the State Emergency
40 Food Assistance Program (SEFAP), administered by the State

1 Department of Social Services, shall be renamed as the “CalFood
2 Program.” The CalFood Program shall provide food and funding
3 for the provision of emergency food to food banks established
4 pursuant to the federal Emergency Food Assistance Program (7
5 C.F.R. Parts 250 and 251) whose ongoing primary function is to
6 facilitate the distribution of food to low-income households.

7 (b) The CalFood Account is hereby established in the
8 Emergency Food Assistance Program Fund established pursuant
9 to Section 18852 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and may
10 receive federal funds and voluntary donations or contributions.

11 (c) Notwithstanding Section 18853 of the Revenue and Taxation
12 Code, the following shall apply:

13 (1) All moneys received by the CalFood Account shall, upon
14 appropriation by the Legislature, be allocated to the State
15 Department of Social Services for allocation to the CalFood
16 Program and, with the exception of those contributions made
17 pursuant to Section 18851 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and
18 funds received through Parts 250 and 251 of Title 7 of the Code
19 of Federal Regulations, shall be used for the purchase, storage,
20 and transportation of food grown or produced in California. Storage
21 and transportation expenditures shall not exceed 10 percent of the
22 CalFood Program fund’s annual budget.

23 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), funds received by the
24 CalFood Account shall, upon appropriation by the Legislature, be
25 allocated to the State Department of Social Services for allocation
26 to the CalFood Program as described in paragraph (1), and shall,
27 in part, be used to pay for the department’s administrative costs
28 associated with the administration of the CalFood Program.